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If you ever curled up with Maurice Sendak's famous *Where the Wild Things Are* and let your six-year-old imagination run free, you'll understand what a day at Camp Carolina can add to your child's view of the world. Nestled inside the already amazing South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston is a whole new world that's especially for kids. (Adults can come, too. But here, kids rule.)

crawl, climb, touch, see, slip and slide

Every movement that comes naturally to kids is not only allowed, it's encouraged and puts them up close to nature. All perfectly safe. All perfectly natural. Now, as Sendak said, "Let the wild rumpus start."

crawl

Head through the fallen log while you peek out at skink, salamander and frogs.

climb

Slip past the hellbender—then slide back down. Is he as dangerous as he looks? (No.)

touch

Get up close with hermit crabs, whelks, sea urchins and horseshoe crabs in the Touch Tank.



It's called the South Carolina Aquarium, but it's so much more.

Displays featuring the aquatic life of the state are just the beginning. The Aquarium is also home to a sea turtle hospital, and marine, freshwater and terrapin conservation programs.



ecotourism

Go Green. The Charleston Area Transportation Authority offers shuttle bus rides from all over Charleston to the Aquarium Wharf.



reuse/recycle

The Aquarium's exhibits reuse and recycle about 600,000 gallons of freshwater and seawater to sustain 10,000 animals and plants.

sustainable seafood

The Aquarium works in partnership with Charleston-area restaurants to promote sustainable seafood. A list of restaurant partners is on-line.



sea turtle rescue

Sick and injured members of this threatened and endangered species are nursed back to health in the Turtle Hospital. Tours available.

watch

Careful! Hidden "dangers" such as venomous snakes lurk in the Traversing Wall.

cross

Conquer the stream on the swinging rope bridge and take a look at all the fish down below.

rest

Take a break in the tent or sit on the porch for a few tales from the outdoors.

peek

Visit the bald eagle and the barn owls, and learn about conservation.

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